

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. - 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for the transmission of notifications by a notification component to users of an electronic parcel compartment system within a postal shipping system, comprising

transmitting data from at least one database to a central sending component,

converting the data in the central sending component into notification information,

transmitting the notification information to a communication interface and from the communication interface to at least one receiving device,

storing notification jobs in a storage module and transmitting at least some of the requests for the transmission of notifications by a control circuit to the storage module, acquiring the notification jobs contained in the storage module by a reading module and transmitting the notification jobs to the central sending component,

transmitting the information for creating jobs to the control circuit via an external interface, whereby the information for creating jobs depends on events within the electronic parcel compartment system,

categorizing the events in classes,

the events triggering defined, definable or variable processing steps by the notification component, and

transmitting the notifications as SMS to at least one user for whom the event is defined to be pertinent.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, comprising using at least one template, the central sending component converting the data transmitted from the database into the notification information.

12. (Currently Amended) A device for the transmission of notifications to users of an electronic parcel compartment system within a postal shipping system having at least one database, in which the users of the electronic parcel compartment system are registered, one central sending component for converting data from the database into notification information, and one communication interface for the transmission of the notification information to receiving devices, whereas the communication interface is an SMS gateway,

the device further comprising

an external interface that serves for receiving information about events at an electronic parcel compartment system within the postal shipping system and is connected to a control circuit equipped with transmission means for the transmission of notification job requests to a storage module that stores the notification requests, a storage module is connected to a reading unit that transmits the notification jobs to a central sending component, the notification requests being based on an event in the electronic parcel compartment system.